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Letter from Janet E. Davison, Wellesley,
Massachusetts, to Mrs. R. J. Davison, Bath, New
York, 1914 October 31

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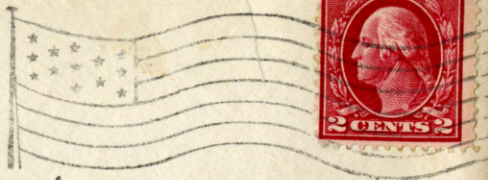
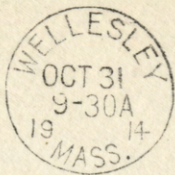
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Mrs. R. J. Dawson

Bath

N.Y.

Thurs. night.

Dearest Mother,

The Segundas I especially wanted are The '13 & '14 ones - tho' just the '14 one'll do.

Is Dad thinking of being in New York anywhere around Nov. 28 - he might have the opportunity of meeting me - I'd ask nothing better. Also, is he looking for work in Rochester? I want to know all developments.

No, I haven't sent my card to Roy Ogden. I don't know

whether to do it or not. Do
you think it'd be awfully
forward?

I'm disappointed about
the boys too, but I felt it
coming & they & I have lots
more time to have good
times together.

I sent a letter to Mr.
Smith today - had an aw-
ful time just being decently
chatty. I don't know of a soul
who'll ever be missed more
than he will.

This P.M. I shopped and
shopped. Got some cloth.

topped black shoes, comfortable,
with low heels & broad toes, at the
Sorrisio store for \$4.00. Also picked
up a white crepe de chine waist
with ecru lace sleeves for \$3.50.
Tho't this (being washable) would
take the place of a serviceable dark
waist (the decent ones of dark silk
are from \$9 to \$15) and a kind
of semi-dressy waist. It's very plain
but pretty. Then I got a skunk
skin muff (black) for \$8 - there
was a \$10 one but it wasn't
enough nicer but what I'd rather
put the \$2 into etwas anders. There
was a \$4.98 one also, but it
wasn't worth the \$4.98, so I didn't
economize that far. Will you tell
Gina that for me, so I won't have
to write again till Sunday? I certainly
was surprised & pleased to have a
muff for I hadn't expected to be so
sporty this year.

Now about the dress. I didn't
find anything within reason that

was well-enough made to
justify putting the money into
them. However, I found two
sweet dresses which I'm
having sent out on approval
& will send home for you to
inspect. They're both of taffeta
and perfect dreams - es-
pecially the \$45.00 one.
That fits perfectly except
that it needs filling in with
maline in front & back. I
opened charge accounts at
both places so I can keep
the dresses four or five

days. You can see how they're
making things and I'll send
some material home. Oh -
the one with straight-edged
flounces is pretty large for
me, so don't take any measure-
ments therefrom. I can get
very pretty Taffeta at \$1.50
per yard & it ought not to
take more than seven yards
to make dress for it's a yd.
wide. The yellow especially
is wonderfully shimmering in
the piece. The flowers I
could get for \$1.00 and
\$.75 respectively - there's

\$12.25 + lining, bones, etc. - perhaps \$16. I've no doubt you could make that beautifully yourself if you have time. If not, convey the idea to Mrs. Longwell - and we'll have a \$45 dress for less than \$30, I'm sure. I don't want an exact copy of the original, but practically the same - with a couple of little different "touches". You get me? Most of the \$35 dresses were too sketchy to stay on or together. I knew they'd drive all of us wild, were if they were pretty. This way, I'll at least have no duplicates. I think a little difference could be made in the sleeves and somewhere around the neck with inexpensive lace. It would make a moderately durable dress & not awfully extreme. Please don't keep the dresses more than long enough

3.

To make sketches & measurements. The green taffeta would be pretty with a dark red rose and the yellow with dark red, or with an orchid in deep shades. They're also using purple & yellow pausies for trimming. Don't you like the self-bindings on the dresses? They're both pretty, but the \$45 one is the "ier. Please drop me a card immediately after you de-

cide what you're going to do,
so I'll know how much
material to get. Would you
like apricot, or turquoise
blue taffeta better?

I think that's all I
can offer on this subject
just now.

Leon came out to-
night and we had a very
nice visit. I don't know what's
come over him. We're going
to the Michigan game Saturday
so you may know I'll
be having a marvellous^(?)

time.

As I've said before, I'm sorry to bother you with all this dress business - but it seems necessary. Oh - I'm sorry, but I'll have to have a check for the materials when you let me know what to get. Don't send more than \$12 & I'll make that do. You measure the actual amount of material needed, please. If you don't like either of those ways of making it, why suit yourself.

Now I must close - it's 11:30 by the clock. The dresses will be here tomorrow probably & I'll try to send them to you special delivery - will also insure them. Did Dad look up express laundry rates by U.S. & American?

Haven't heard from Harriet Lyon yet.
Love to all,
Janet.

Sat. a.m.
Dear mother —

I have the \$29.50
dress ready to send. Please
don't keep it more than 6 or 8
hrs. for I don't want to
get into trouble about it.
I tried it on last night
& aside from its being a
little large, it's really
darling — very becoming
& stylish. I'll send the
other the minute it comes

& you can choose between
making one somewhat like
it or keeping this one.
If you decide to keep this,
please alter it on Mabel or
Florence. It needs a rose
on the left at the waist
line - but I could get
that, as I said. If you
think you ^{or Mrs. L} could make
just as good a one for
what I said, why don't

hesitate to say so.
Must close.

Lovingly,
Jed.

My muff has come in time for
the game. It's really a beauty.
Jed.